IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, and 8-12 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add Claims 15-18 to read as follows.

1.-14. (Canceled)

15. (New) A printing apparatus provided with a first interface, conforming to a first specification, connectible to a peripheral, a second interface, conforming to a second specification, connectible to a memory card, and power supply means for supplying power to the peripheral and the memory card through the first and second interfaces, respectively, the printing apparatus comprising:

peripheral control means for detecting a connection state and operation state of the peripheral, and controlling communication with the peripheral;

memory card control means for detecting a connection state and operation state of the memory card, and controlling access to the memory card;

determining means for determining whether or not a total amount of power supplied to both the peripheral and the memory card exceeds a predetermined amount of power;

power supply stop means for stopping supplying power to a previously-connected external device from among the peripheral and the memory card, based on a determination result of said determining means, and setting in a memory a flag indicating a stop of supplying power to the previously-connected external device;

monitoring means for monitoring whether or not an external device, to which power is still being supplied, from among the peripheral and the memory card, enters an

idle state, based on detection results of said peripheral control means and said memory card control means;

confirmation means for confirming whether or not the previously-connected external device is connected, based on the detection results of said peripheral control means and said memory card control means; and

power supply restart means for, if the flag is set, restarting supplying power to the previously-connected external device, based on a monitoring result of said monitoring means and a confirmation result of said confirmation means.

16. (New) The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the second interface includes a memory slot.

17. (New) The apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the first specification differs from the second specification, and

the first specification includes a USB interface and an IEEE1394 interface.

18. (New) A power supply control method in a printing apparatus provided with a first interface, conforming to a first specification, connectible to a peripheral, a second interface, conforming to a second specification, connectible to a memory card, and power supply means for supplying power to the peripheral and the memory card through the first and second interfaces, respectively, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting a connection state and operation state of the peripheral, and a connection state and operation state of the memory card;

controlling communication with the peripheral and access to the memory card;

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determining whether or not a total amount of power supplied to both the peripheral and the memory card exceeds a predetermined amount of power;

stopping supplying power to a previously-connected external device from among the peripheral and the memory card, based on a determination result of said determining step;

setting in a memory a flag indicating a stop of supplying power to the previously-connected external device;

monitoring whether or not an external device, to which power is still being supplied, from among the peripheral and the memory card, enters an idle state, based on detection results of the peripheral and memory card in said detecting step;

confirming whether or not the previously-connected external device is connected, based on the detection results of the peripheral and memory card in said detecting step; and

if the flag is set, restarting supplying power to the previously-connected external device, based on a monitoring result in said monitoring step and a confirmation result in said confirming step.